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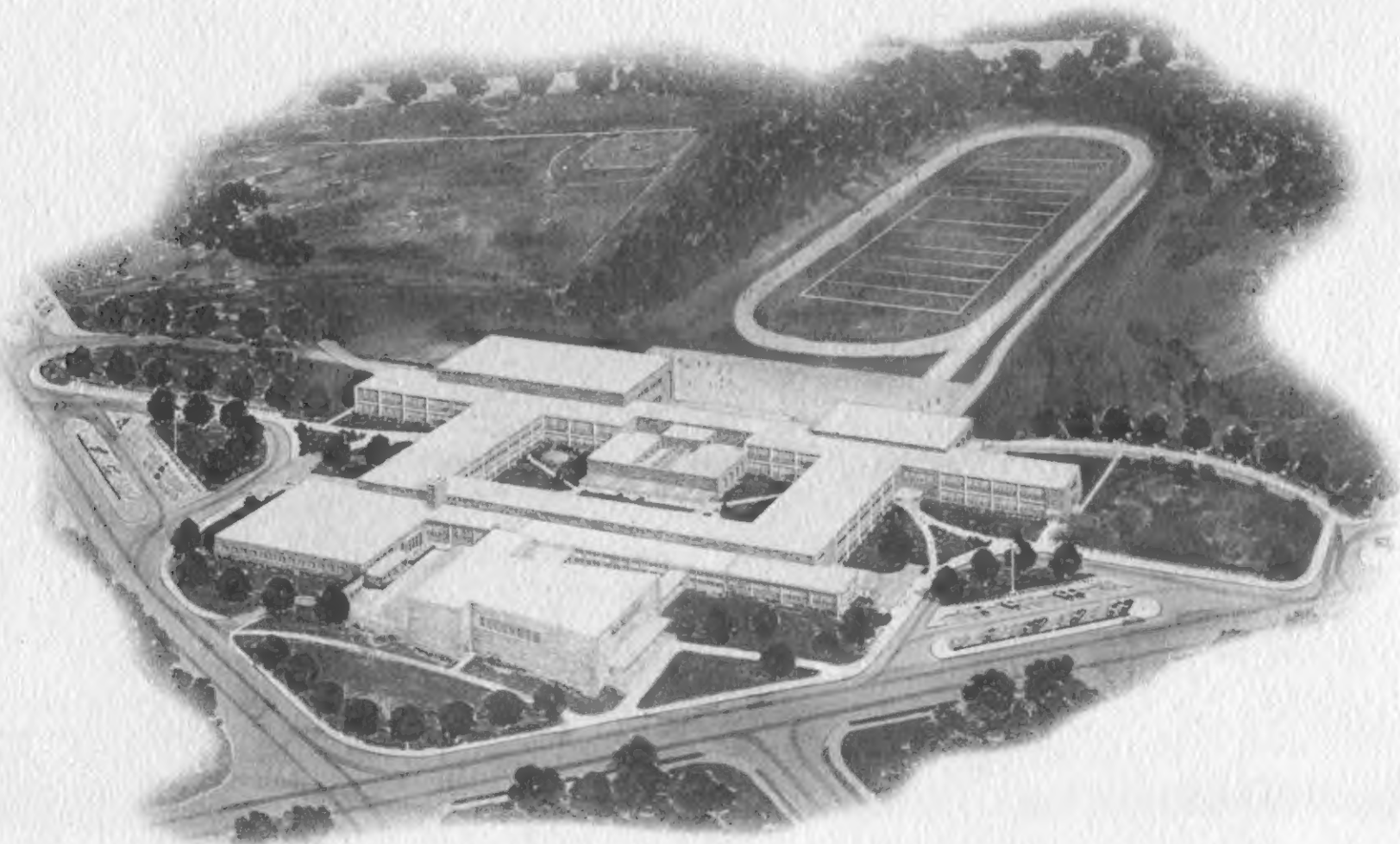
Wakefield High School is located at South Chesterfield Road and South Dinwiddie Street, Arlington County, Virginia. The School designed for 2000 students, opened in September, 1953. The first class graduated at the end of the 1955-56 school year. It presently houses junior and senior high school students; in the future it will be a Senior High School only.

The building designed by The Rhees Burkett Architectural Firm contains 45 academic classrooms, 8 science rooms, 7 business education rooms, 4 home making rooms, and 3 art rooms; separate facilities are provided for boys' and girls' physical education facilities. In addition a library, auditorium, clinic,

cafeteria, administrative offices, students' store, bank and activity rooms are included.

The 40 acre site contains an athletic field, boys' playfield, and a girls' playfield. The athletic field and a large wooded area separates the play fields. An interior lawn court offers opportunity for outdoor activities for the library and home making programs.

Construction cost of the building, excluding site work, was \$3,795,000. Total cost of the project, including land, architectural and engineering fees, consultants, equipment, legal fees, site work, etc., was \$4,684,000. The building includes 4,028,000 cubic feet.



## THE COMMUNITY

Arlington is a twenty-eight square mile residential community of 161,000 people located in Virginia, just across the Potomac River from Washington, D. C. Many Arlington residents are Federal Government officials and workers, or are members of the Armed Forces. It has one of the highest educational attainment levels in the nation (1950 census data) and an average annual income of approximately \$10,000.00 per family. The citizens of Arlington are intensely interested in education and support their educational system with such distinction as to gain national recognition (e.g., March of Time film "The Fight for Better Schools"; The Saturday Evening Post article, September 21, 1957, p. 39 "Are the Public Schools Doing their Job" Brown, Herbert).

The community operating budget for 1956-1957 was \$9,628,834.00 for 22,500 students. During the last decade the citizens have voted for school construction School Bonds amounting to over 24 million dollars.

## THE STAFF

Naturally staff composition changes from year to year. The sample below (the 1955-1956 staff) is characteristic of Wakefield. Wakefield's 130 professional staff members have earned 131 A.B. degrees, 62 M.A. degrees and four Doctorates. The mean number of years spent in active teaching is six years and the mean number of schools in which this teaching was done is three. The staff has taught in 32 states, the District of Columbia, Hawaii, Turkey, New Caledonia, Great Britain, and France.

Members of the staff hold degrees from 104 different institutions in 31 states, the District of Columbia, Hawaii, Great Britain, and France. These degrees were granted by:

### SUCH EASTERN COLLEGES AS:

Harvard University  
Yale University

Wellesley College  
Vassar College

Columbia University  
Bucknell University

Johns Hopkins University  
University of Pennsylvania

### SUCH LARGE STATE UNIVERSITIES AS:

University of Florida  
University of Michigan

Indiana University  
University of Iowa

University of California  
University of North Carolina

Ohio University  
University of Oklahoma

### SUCH LOCAL UNIVERSITIES AS:

University of Virginia  
University of Maryland  
George Washington University

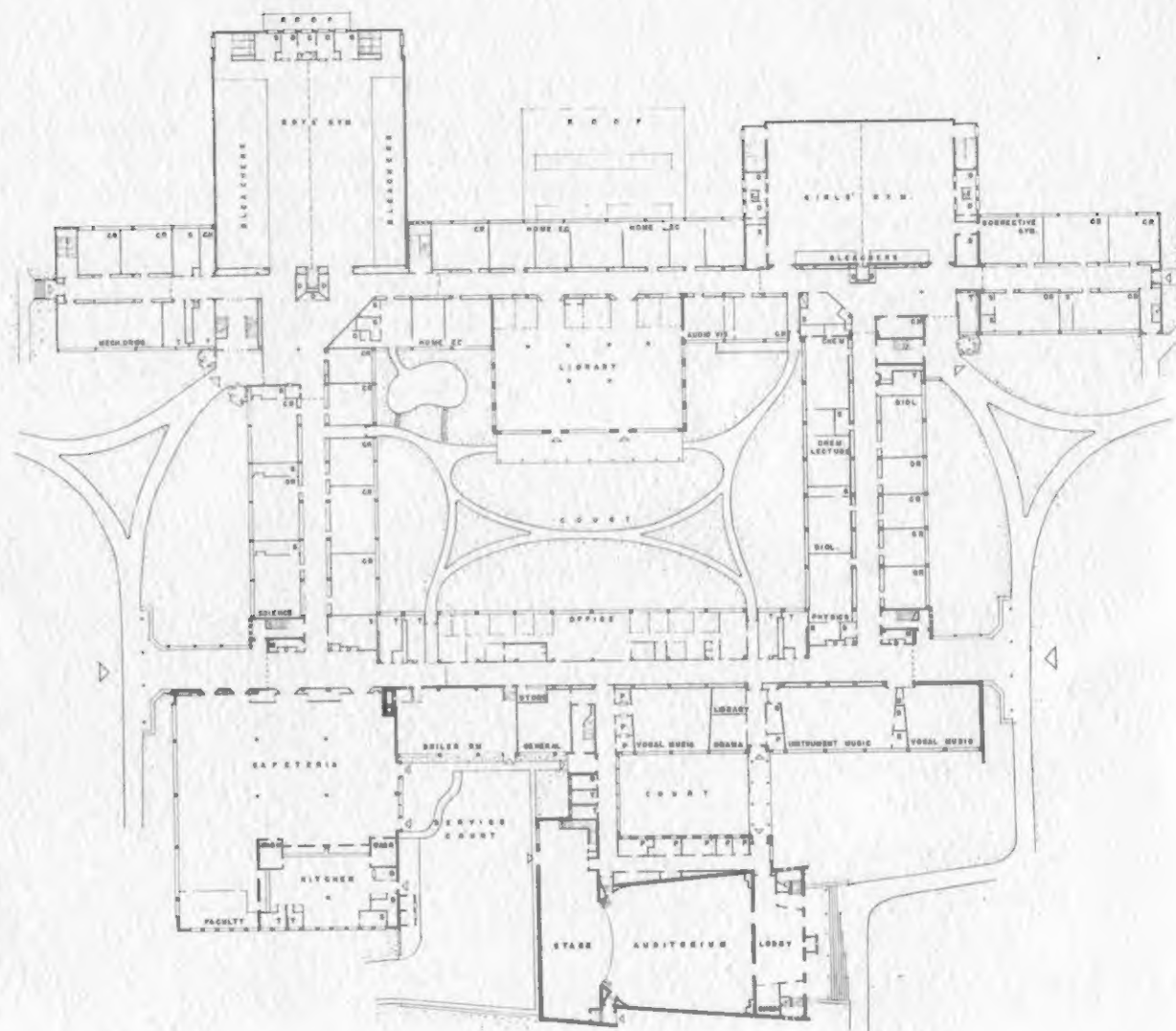
Georgetown University  
American University  
Catholic University

### AND SUCH OTHER REPRESENTATIVE INSTITUTIONS AS:

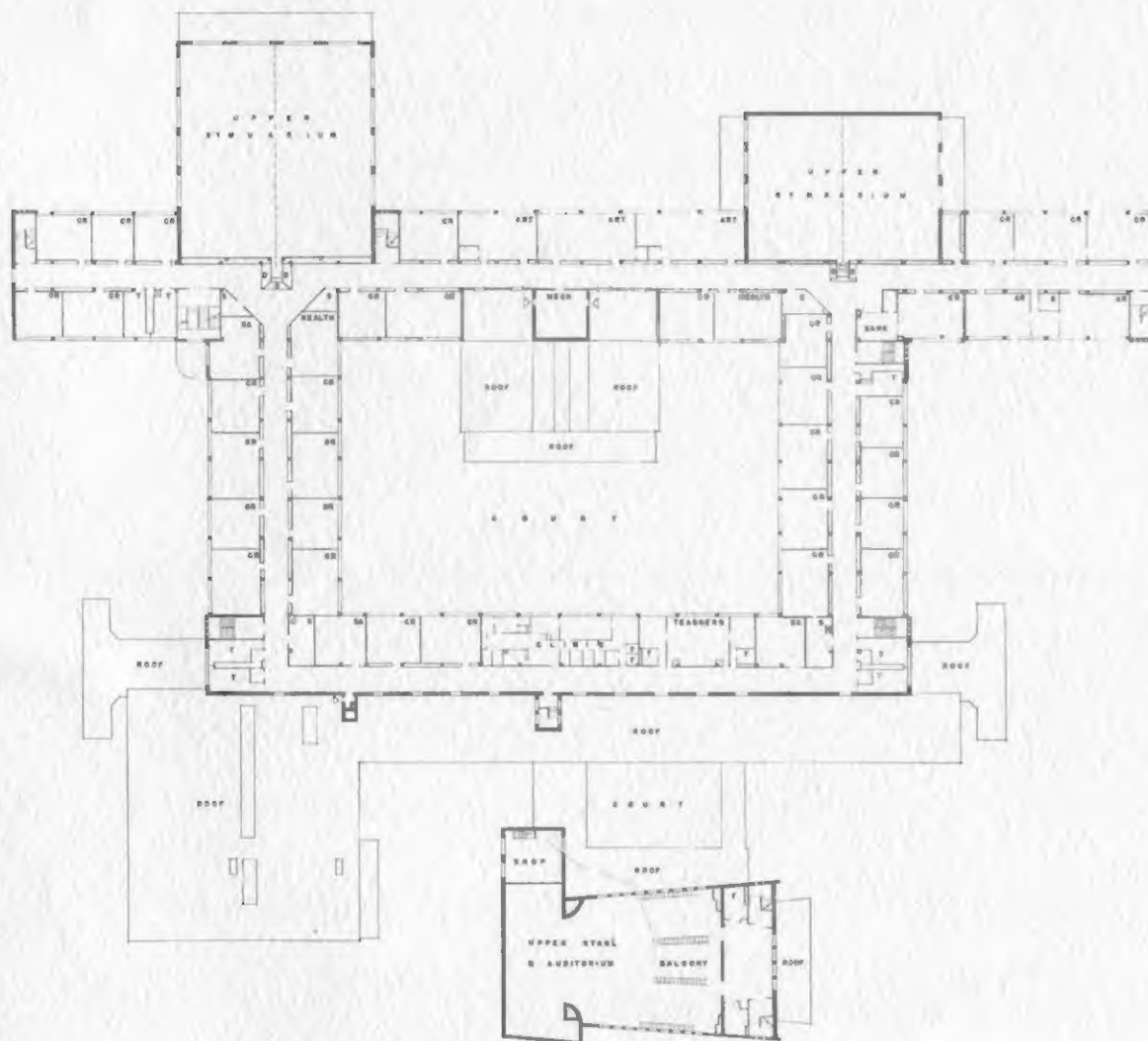
Stanford University  
Peabody College  
University of Chicago

University of Hawaii  
Brigham Young University  
Randolph Macon College





### FIRST FLOOR PLAN



SECOND FLOOR PLAN



## STUDENT PERFORMANCES

California Test of Mental Maturity 1956-1957:

U. S. High School Median  
105

Wakefield Median  
106

Stanford Achievement Battery beginning of 9th grade 1956-1957:

U. S. Median  
50th percentile

Wakefield Median  
60th percentile

English Cooperative Test Fall 1957:

U. S. Median  
50th percentile

Wakefield Median  
64th percentile

Iowa Silent Reading Fall 1957:

National Median  
Beginning of 10th grade 50th percentile  
Beginning of 12th grade 50th percentile

Wakefield Median  
67th percentile  
66th percentile

During 1956, five of our students were Certificate of Merit winners in the National Merit Scholarship program, and five were Certificate of Merit winners in the General Motors Scholarship program. In 1957, four of our students were Certificate of Merit winners in the National Merit Scholarship program.

During the past two years:

Won 88 scholarships in 68 Colleges and Universities

These scholarship offers ranged in value from \$100.00 to \$6,800.00.

These scholarships were to:

### SUCH LARGE UNIVERSITIES AS:

University of Alabama  
University of Virginia  
Georgia Institute of Technology  
University of Maryland  
North Carolina State College of Agriculture & Engineering

### SUCH EASTERN COLLEGES AS:

Brown University	Princeton University
Cornell University	Rutgers University
Yale University	University of Pennsylvania
Dartmouth College	Lafayette College
Harvard University	Massachusetts Institute of Technology

### AND SUCH OTHER REPRESENTATIVE INSTITUTIONS AS:

Duke University	Northwestern University
Columbia University	Oberlin College
United States Military Academy	United States Naval Academy

University of Chicago  
Virginia Military Institute  
and to 22 other colleges and universities



**In assessing the activities of the 1956 graduating class:**

- 225 were enrolling in colleges and other institutions of higher learning
- 73 were entering permanent employment
  - 6 were entering employment with the expectation of college in the succeeding year
- 12 were housewives
- 12 were unemployed
- 7 were not contacted

The college bound students were entering 126 institutions in 31 states, the District of Columbia and Hawaii. All of the colleges previously listed, plus such representative institutions as: University of California, California Institute of Technology, Purdue University, Bryn Mawr University, Radcliffe College, Wellesley College, Stanford University, Indiana University, University of Illinois, Ohio University, etc., were being selected.

**Many of our school activities have received State and National recognitions:**

The school newspapers, magazines and yearbooks have won top honors in Columbia Interscholastic Press Association and in Southern Interscholastic Press Association competition.

Our students have won creative writing and art awards in Scholastic Magazine's national competition.

One Wakefield student was among the 40 finalists selected in 1956-1957 from the nation in the Annual Westinghouse Talent Search.

Wakefield Debate teams have won State championships annually since 1955.

Wakefield High School was awarded the Freedoms Foundation George Washington Honor Medal in 1954, 1955 and 1957, for a program which made outstanding contributions to the development of American citizenship. This is a nationally conducted awards program.

Wakefield is a participant in the College Entrance Examination Board's Advanced Placement Program.

Educational Testing Service, Princeton, New Jersey, has authorized Wakefield High School as a testing center for the Administration of College Board Examinations.

Wakefield High School is accredited with the State Department of Education and the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

